

Spring 2002

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Via the Web!

We have made it through the first regular school term! It has been a learning experience for the State agency as well as the Local Education Agencies. All in all, it has proven to be very successful. The next phase is summer school. If you plan to have summer school you must submit a Summer School Term Application Agreement and claims via the Web. Check our Web login page for availability and an update.

Three Options to Feed Children during the Summer

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP)



The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) are administered by the School Food Services Section, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The school site restricts meal services to just summer school students. Summer school only sites must operate under the NSLP/SBP regulations. The meals must be recorded in the appropriate category; i.e., free, reduced price, and paid. NSLP/SBP rates of reimbursement will apply. Claims for reimbursement must be submitted via the Web to DESE.

The Seamless Summer Feeding Waiver

The Seamless Summer Feeding Waiver is operated under the NSLP/SBP guidelines and is administered by DESE. Waiver sites must be located in needy areas, that is, where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free or reduced price school meals, with one exception. Waiver sites may also be located in non-needy areas, provided that at least 50 percent of the children enrolled in these sites qualify for free or reduced price school meals. Meal services for summer school sites must also be open to all children (18 years and under) in the community. The meal services cannot be limited to just summer school students. The availability of meals to the children in the community must be advertised.

All meals must be served free and reimbursed at the free reimbursement rate of the NSLP/SBP. Claims for reimbursement must be submitted via the Web to DESE.

The purpose of the waiver is to feed all children in low-income areas during the summer months and to reduce the paper work and administrative burden that is normally associated with operating all three programs (NSLP/SBP and SFSP). DESE will submit waiver requests on behalf of the LEA to the United States Department of Agriculture for approval.

If interested in a waiver or additional information, please contact Karen Wooton at 573-751-2954.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is administered by The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). The sites must be located in needy areas, that is, where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free or reduced price school meals, with one exception. Meals may also be served in non-needy areas, provided that at least 50 percent of the children enrolled qualify for free or reduced price school meals. The meal service must be open all children (18 years and under) in the community. The availability of the meals to all children in the community must be advertised. The SFSP regulations and reimbursement rates (which are higher than the NSLP/SBP rates) apply. Claims for reimbursement must be submitted to DHSS. For additional information please contact DHSS at 573-751-6250.

Buy American Provision



The William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 requires schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School

Breakfast Program (SBP) in the contiguous United States to purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products for use in meals served under the NSLP and SBP. The legislation defines "domestic commodity or product" as one that is processed in the United States substantially using agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States. It is stipulated that "substantially" means that over 51 percent of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically.

Given the importance that Congress attaches to the "Buy American" provision and the role this provision plays in helping to stabilize the

American agricultural economy, it is essential that all LEAs understand the need to ensure that all purchases of agricultural commodities and food products comply with this statutory provision. The provision should be included in bid specifications to ensure compliance. Food service funds cannot be used to purchase foreign agricultural products.

Projecting Budgets

Every year we get calls on what we think the next school year's reimbursement rates will be. The new rates are effective every July 1; however, the rates are not usually published until the end of June. The best guidance we can give is based on history. We have put together a comparison of the rate changes over the last several years to help LEAs plan their individual budgets. The charts on the following page show the "cent" increase or decrease for the paid, reduced price and free reimbursement rates for Lunch, Breakfast, After School Snack and Milk Programs.

YEARLY COMPARISON OF LUNCH REIMBURSEMENT RATES

Years	Paid	Reduced	Free
90-91, 91-92	+ 1/2 cent	+ 5 1/2 cents	+ 5 1/2 cents
91-92, 92-93	+ 1/4 cent	+ 3 1/4 cents	+ 3 1/4 cents
92-93, 93-94	+ 1/4 cent	+ 3 cents	+ 3 cents
93-94, 94-95	+ 1/2 cent	+ 3 1/4 cents	+ 3 1/4 cents
94-95, 95-96	+ 1/4 cent	+ 3 3/4 cents	+ 3 3/4 cents
95-96, 96-97	+ 1/2 cent	+ 4 1/4 cents	+ 4 1/4 cents
96-97, 97-98	+ 1/4 cent	+ 5 1/4 cents	+ 5 1/4 cents
97-98, 98-99	0 cent	+ 5 1/4 cents	+ 5 1/4 cents
98-99, 99-00	+ 1 cent	+ 3 3/4 cents	+ 3 3/4 cents
99-00, 00-01	0 cent	+ 4 cents	+ 4 cents
00-01, 01-02	+ 1 cent	+ 7 cents	+ 7 cents

YEARLY COMPARISON OF BREAKFAST REIMBURSEMENT RATES

Years	Paid	Reduced	Free
90-91, 91-92	+ 1/4 cent	+ 3 cents	+ 3 cents
91-92, 92-93	+ 1/4 cent	+ 1 3/4 cents	+ 1 3/4 cents
92-93, 93-94	+ 1/4 cent	+ 1 1/2 cents	+ 1 1/2 cents
93-94, 94-95	+ 1/4 cent	+ 1 1/2 cents	+ 1 1/2 cents
94-95, 95-96	+ 1/4 cent	+ 2 1/4 cents	+ 2 1/4 cents
95-96, 96-97	+ 1/4 cent	+ 2 cents	+ 2 cents
96-97, 97-98	+ 1/4 cent	+ 2 3/4 cents	+ 2 3/4 cents
97-98, 98-99	0 cent	+ 2 3/4 cents	+ 2 3/4 cents
98-99, 99-00	+ 1 cent	+ 1 3/4 cents	+ 1 3/4 cents
99-00, 00-01	0 cent	+ 3 cents	+ 3 cents
00-01, 01-02	0 cent	+ 3 cents	+ 3 cents

YEARLY COMPARISON OF SNACK REIMBURSEMENT RATES

Years	Paid	Reduced	Free
98-99, 99-00	+ 1 cent	+ 1/4 cents	+ 3/4 cents
99-00, 00-01	0 cent	0 cents	+ 1 cents
00-01, 01-02	0 cent	+ 1 cents	+ 2 cents

YEARLY COMPARISON OF MILK REIMBURSEMENT RATES

Years	Paid	Years	Paid
90-91, 91-92	0 cent	96-97, 97-98	+ 1/4 cent
91-92, 92-93	0 cent	97-98, 98-99	+ 1/2 cent
92-93, 93-94	0 cent	98-99, 99-00	- 1/4 cent
93-94, 94-95	0 cent	99-00, 00-01	+ 1/4 cent
94-95, 95-96	+ 1/4 cent	00-01, 01-02	+ 1 1/2 cents
95-96, 96-97	+ 1 cent		

June 17-28, 2002**National Food Service Management Institute Offers Seminar**

The National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI) will offer a two-week seminar, *Orientation to Child Nutrition Management*, June 17-28, 2002, at the University of Mississippi. The seminar is designed for new and aspiring Child Nutrition Program directors. Participants receive information essential to the operation of cost-effective, customer-oriented Child Nutrition Programs that promote healthy eating behaviors. If you are interested, please contact the NFSMI at 1-800-321-3054 and ask for Melba Hollingsworth, or visit: www.nfsmi.org

School Year 2002-2003**National School Lunch Week and National School Breakfast Week**

Now is the time to start planning for National School Lunch Week (NSLW) and National School Breakfast Week (NSBW). The theme for NSLW is "Stars, Stripes and School Lunch" and will be October 14-18, 2002. The theme for NSBW is "Make Your Morning Count with School Breakfast" and will be March 3-7, 2003. Visit www.asfsa.org for more information.



Have A
Great
Summer!